

# BELLFLOWER VINEYARD 2018 PINOT NOIR

## Rich. Textured. Refined.

"Aromas of sweet pipe tobacco and cocoa nib, with intense notes of STRAWBERRY and black plum. The multi-layered flavors of blueberry, blackberry, PLUM and cherry with hints of EXOTIC SPICE and toast. The richly textured, fine tannins and balanced acidity drives a long finish."

CRAIG McALLISTER, WINEMAKER





# THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Type of Oak: 100% French oak;

34% new

Time in Barrel: 15 months
Alcohol: 14.7%
T.A.: .60 g/L
pH: 3.39

Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions—passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

## A REMARKABLE PLACE

The home of La Crema and the heart of Sonoma County Wine Country, the Russian River Valley AVA is one of the world's premier wine-growing regions. Warm summer days are moderated by the Pacific Ocean's maritime influence allowing grapes to ripen slowly. The unique weather patterns combined with a diversity of well-draining soils make the appellation well suited to produce cool-climate Pinot Noir.

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### **EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES**

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Our Bellflower estate vineyard is situated in the Santa Rosa Plain neighborhood of the Russian River Valley AVA. High density vineyard planting and shallow Huichica loam soils consistently produce small concentrated grape clusters. Clones for this vintage include: 111, 667, 777, and 828.

#### ARTISAN WINEMAKING

# Our boutique, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.

Fruit hand-picked, hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed, with 70% whole berries in tank. Cold soaked at 48° F for 3-5 days. Fermented in open top tanks, punched down 3 times per day during active fermention. Post-fermention, free run was transferred to tank for one night of settling before racking to new and used French oak barrels. No racking out of barrels until blending prior to bottling.

The soulful, spirited Russian River Valley in every sip.